
DIGEST

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HB No. 68

Abstract: Authorizes DPS&C to promulgate rules to provide for concealed handgun permits for fewer than four years and authorizes religious organizations to authorize carrying a concealed handgun in places of worship.

Present law provides for the mandatory adoption of rules and fees for permits fewer than four years.

Proposed law changes present law and makes the adoption of rules and fees permissive.

Present law provides criteria for the issuance of concealed handgun permits and the carrying of concealed handguns.

Present law prohibits carrying a concealed handgun in any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.

Proposed law changes present law to create an exception if the entity which owns or has authority over a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship has authorized any person issued a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in such place of worship.

Proposed law further provides that proposed law shall not be construed to limit or prohibit any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship from employing armed security guards who are either certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns.

Proposed law requires the pastor, priest, minister, or other church authority to inform the congregation when he has authorized the carrying of concealed handguns.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(U))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Removed provision which would have increased the period of time in which a

concealed handgun permit is valid.

2. Added that the adoption of rules and fees for permits valid for a period less than four years was permissive and not mandatory.
3. Added requirement that the church authority shall inform the congregation when it has authorized the carrying of concealed handguns in the place of worship.